

TIENTSIN DAY BY DAY

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, December 22nd.
Matters in Peking are rather chaotic at the moment. Rival forces are beginning to come into evidence once more and in many ways the situation bears a striking resemblance to that in 1898-9. The actors in it remain more or less the same, though. Tuan and Li have dropped out and Yuan has come in. Jung Lu now, as then, is well to the fore but very much more powerful now by reason of his daughter's marriage. Prince Ching is rather under the lee of the political wall at the moment, and it seems to him to be in the balance whether Jung Lu and Yuan pull in the same boat or rival ones. Jung Lu's gratitude to Yuan for saving his life in 1898 struggles with his growing jealousy of Yuan's increasing military power, and the rival interests of Manchu versus Chinese are very prominent.

Some absurd gossip is going round that the reform movement in Peking is extending even to dress and that a serious proposal is on foot for officials to wear foreign dress. But this you know will be the very last of the many reforms China is morally pledged to if she is to hold her own, and the dying kick which her individuality will give. Reforms continue to be much talked about, but end there. The Imperial University, which affects to be the representative of Educational reform at least, was opened on the 19th with all the conservatism which could possibly be crammed into the ceremony. The Tablet of Confucius was set up and the Ministers, teachers and pupils all had to bow to it, a proceeding which very much disgusted many of the students who have an inkling of better things, and a special address has been arranged by the Director in order to pacify them. The principal teacher in the University is a man named Wu, who has been visiting Japan in order to see how educational matters are conducted there. It is said that the former Director of the Tientsin University, Mr. Yen Fu, will be connected with the Peking institution. He was at one time a very able man, but of late years he has fallen, I believe, into China's fatal habit.

The ceremony performed by the Emperor for the Winter Solstice at the Temple of Heaven yesterday was a reproduction I hear of that abolished for the last fifty years, which does not sound progressive, though the details may be harmless enough in themselves. It all tends to keep public thought on the backward track. Orders were given from Peking for the railway track over which the Emperor would pass to be carefully covered out of sight for two days until the visit to the Temple of Heaven was concluded. But as there are no rails anywhere near the imperial route, the railway officials there were somewhat exasperated by the order signifying the intense ignorance of the Chinese on matters which could be settled by ocular demonstration.

I think it is worth placing on record that during the control of the railways by the British Administration they earned \$300,000 a month, and the Chinese only estimate for \$150,000 a month. The interest on the railway loan is \$100,000 and an additional 2½% has to be provided from the amortization of the bonds, therefore the British earnings only just sufficed to cover working expenses and this earning was in spite of the fact that, with the exception of 1st class passenger rates the British charges were on a lower scale than the Chinese ones.

IN FAVOUR OF SILVER.

ANOTHER STRAITS PETITION.

The following petition, signed by a number of merchants and traders of Singapore, was laid before the Governor of the Straits Settlements:—

To His Excellency Sir Frank Athelstane Swettenham, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements.
The humble petition of the undersigned Merchants and Traders of Singapore. Sheweth that,

1. We regret to find that the continued fall in the gold value of silver has caused loss and inconvenience to those trading with, and trading with, gold countries. It is with satisfaction that your petitioners learn that a very general and growing movement is on foot to place the European wage earners on a satisfactory basis, thus tending to remove a just and admitted grievance.

2. In consequence of this disturbance a petition is about to be presented praying that the legal currency of the Colony and of the Federated Malay States should have a fixed relative value to the British sterling sovereign.

3. It is contended that this fixed relative value will solve all the difficulties now experienced by those trading with gold countries.

4. In the humble opinion of your petitioners this will not be the case as long as China continues to use free silver as her currency.

5. Your petitioners beg respectfully to submit to your Excellency that any change in the direction suggested can only be secured at the expense of those trading with silver countries without any commensurate advantages to the Colony at large.

6. It is the humble opinion of your petitioners that fixity of value would handicap all our local industries especially mining and planting and must weaken their power of competition in the markets of the world whether silver rises above or falls below the fixed point.

7. A very large percentage of the labour in the Colony and the F. M. States is recruited from silver using countries, and not only the surplus earnings of this section of the community but a considerable amount of Chinese capital invested in this Colony and F. M. States would be adversely affected were exchange to rise above the fixed point, on the other hand should exchange fall lower than the fixed point the productive power would

lose the stimulus that is given to it by cheap silver.

8. Experience has shown that during the last ten years the prosperity of the Federated Malay States has continued to increase in a quiet, unexampled manner notwithstanding the continuous depreciation in the value of silver. Not only have the several States been in a position to meet all their obligations without an effort, but their respective Governments have also been able to meet the demand of their establishments for compensation in a manner most satisfactory to the concerned.

9. The local industries of this Colony are likewise prospering, and have been able to pay their employees increased remuneration to meet the enhanced cost of living, caused, it is suggested, by the depreciation of silver value.

10. To further instance the claim your petitioners make, the Opium Farm, from which this Colony derives the greater portion of its revenue, continues to prosper abundantly although the opium imported comes from a gold using country, and is sold in a silver using country at rates fixed by the Government 20 years ago when the sterling value of the dollar was 3s. 6d.

11. It is believed by your petitioners that on the whole cheap dollars have contributed largely to stimulate the development of the resources of these Settlements and the Federated Malay States and will continue their beneficial influence in that direction so long as China continues to use free silver as her currency. The agricultural interest of the F. M. S. and this Colony will, your petitioners believe, be furthered and encouraged, especially the cultivation of rice, which is the staple food of the people and is now almost entirely imported from gold using countries.

12. Your petitioners include many Asiatic traders who have also signed the petition above referred to, but who have since reconsidered the issues involved and have asked to be allowed to join in this petition.

13. In conclusion, your petitioners respectfully call your attention to the fact that the collection of produce and the distribution of our imports is entirely in the hands of petty traders. This trade may be described as the "primary trade," and it is difficult to exaggerate its importance to the Colony. The trade extends in all directions throughout the Malay Archipelago, and is carried on at considerable risks—both to life and property. The work is done chiefly in will of semi-civilised centres where the silver dollar is the only recognised means of exchange, and where no banking facilities are enjoyed. Your petitioners believe that if the uncertainty of exchange now only affecting the well-developed European commercial system with all its banking facilities, were shifted to the shoulders of the petty traders who collect the raw material and distribute our imports, that a very serious disaster would befall our trade and which would most certainly impede its further expansion.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Excellency will by telegraphic despatch cause their views to be laid before the Committee which is now sitting in England to consider the currency of the Colony and of the Federated Malay States.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, November 28th.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S TOUR.
Mr. Chamberlain left our shores on Tuesday amid a chorus of good wishes. It is a demonstration of the healthiness of our political life that the expression of this amity was not confined to any one party but came from all—most eloquently, indeed, from Mr. John Morley, who has been one of the most strenuous opponents of Mr. Chamberlain during the war. The efforts about to be made in South Africa to settle the differences between the races have for the moment made the antagonisms of the political platform sink into obscurity.

The Royal train took the party to Portsmouth and at that famous port crowds sent their ringing cheers seaward as long as the *Good Hope* was visible. Very complete arrangements were made aboard the vessel for the comfort of the party, but the elements are not under the control of the Admiralty, and no sooner was the vessel under weigh than "the stormy winds did blow." Crossing the Bay of Biscay on Wednesday must have been a trying experience.

Extensive arrangements have been made to keep Mr. Chamberlain informed of the working of his department both on the outward voyage and while in South Africa. Special messengers will carry dispatches for delivery to him at Gibraltar, Suez, and some other places, and telegrams on South African matters will be freely sent from the Colonial Office. Probably Lord Monk Bretton will leave London at the end of December to join his chief at Pretoria. Christmas Day will probably be spent by the Colonial Secretary at Port Elizabeth.

A well-informed Parliamentary correspondent writes with reference to the dispatch announcing that Sir Ernest Satow has left Peking on six months leave of absence:—

"His Excellency has been summoned home by the Foreign Office for the purpose of a conference which is likely to have most important consequences. It seems, indeed, that we shall speedily witness the development of a much more vigorous policy in China than that to which we have been accustomed of late years, and that British commercial claims will especially be pressed forward."

A friend of mine in Westmoreland who was at Lowther Castle when the Kaiser left informs me that in bidding good-bye to Earl and Countess Londale the Royal guest congratulated them on their impending trip to the Durbar at Delhi. "There is nothing," he added, "which would please me more than a journey to the East. I have to picture it for

myself, and it is the greater pity because Oriental countries and Oriental people have always strongly appealed to me."

It will be remembered how Captain Freeman of the little ship *Roddam*, during the eruption of Mont Pelée at Martinique, got away with his vessel under great difficulty. He was terribly burned, but stuck to his post, and won the applause of the whole world. For some time he has been dividing a vacation between Liverpool, where his home is, and Sunderland. The news now comes that Captain Freeman has been given the command of the new Castle Line steamer *York Castle*. She is a fine vessel for the South Atlantic service. It is a big jump for Captain Freeman, but the appointment is endorsed both by public opinion and shipping folk.

There is joy among the dock workers at the decision of the P. and O. company to still utilise the port of London. For a time it seemed as if Southampton would be selected, but at a meeting of the directors on Wednesday it was settled that suitable accommodation being available, the Thames should not be neglected. The four new steamships will be unable, owing to their great length, to use the lock leading to the Albert Dock, but accommodation is being prepared for them at Tilbury Dock. The first of them is expected in the Thames about August next. As to the Government Bill for the port of London as a whole, matters are somewhat mixed, for the Mansion House committee is unable to agree, and the representatives of the existing dock companies may decide to retire from the committee.

Arrangements are being made, I hear, for another expedition from India, through Burma, into China. This is a specially Indian enterprise, and it will be both scientific and political in character. I am given to understand that the Chinese authorities have already promised the members of the expedition every assistance. A start will be made in January.

Great attention is being paid by Russia and Germany to the development of the Near East. The latest move is on the part of Germany, who has just applied to the Porte for considerable concessions of land following the track of the Bagdad Railway now being constructed. The object of the concession is the building of two branch lines. The Kaiser has played the role of Abdul's friend very successfully of late years, and he will probably succeed, but the attitude of the Great Bear will be interesting to witness.

It will be no news, probably, that Lord Cranborne is not a great representative of the Foreign Office in the House of Commons. He usually gets rid of a questioner with a reply intended to be non-committal, but in reality showing the condition of things most plainly.

BETWEEN THE LINES.
I only refer to him here because several questions have fruitlessly been put to him lately with reference to the Far East, and parliamentary circles have been laughing at the painfully polite way in which query and answer are beginning to shape themselves. It was in reply to Mr. Labouchere the other day that Lord Cranborne began the exchange: "I hope the hon. member will forgive me if I have no statement to make." Not to be out done, Mr. Labouchere now puts on the paper a question in which he asks "whether the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs will forgive me in asking him whether any clauses attached to the treaty between this country and Japan have not been made public." An ambiguous reply may be counted on.

A tremendous storm has arisen in the correspondence columns of the papers over the decision of Justice Bigham in the Penruddock case. Mrs. Penruddock, a leader in the Wilshire society, wife of a J.P., and a connection of Mr. Walter Long, member of the Cabinet, was placed in the dock at the instance of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, for ill-treating her little daughter Connie. The evidence was such that the public was dead against the prisoner, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty, but the Judge let the lady off with a fine of £50. As several women of lower social station have lately been severely dealt with on similar charges the public is shouting at the top of its voice "Why?" The outcry is not lessened by the fact that Mrs. Penruddock was given an easy chair to sit in while in the dock, and had refreshments served in the Ladies' Waiting Room at every adjournment of the Court. The Lord Chancellor has declined to remove Mr. Penruddock's name from the Justices list for Wilshire, and a recommendation of the jury that the gentleman should be severely censured for not protecting his child was ignored by the Judge. By the way, among the witnesses for the defence were the Doctor and Mrs. Bell of Hongkong.

Another case this week has drawn a record crowd of fashionable people to the Divorce Court. Sir Charles Harpott is charging his wife, who was one of the beautiful daughters of Mr. Charles Wyndham, the Earl of Eglar, and shipowner, with misconduct with Earl Cowley, who has been divorced some considerable time. She, on her side, charges Sir Charles with misconduct with Mrs. Sands. Among the lady's intimate friends to whom Sir Charles objected was, it seems, Sir John Willsbrough, who will be remembered as an associate of Doctor Jameson in the famous raid. The evidence is very spicy and that kind of aristocracy which likes that sort of thing is having a good time. Some remarkable letters have been read, including one from Lady Harpott to her husband offering him £20,000 if he would allow himself to be divorced. At the time of writing the result has not come in.

The first of the real old-fashioned "peasoup" fogs is upon us. It has no new features; it is just as yellow and acid as before. But the Londoner never quite gets used to it, and today as he lights his office up at 9 a.m. he utters the same old imprecations, regardless of their stale futility.

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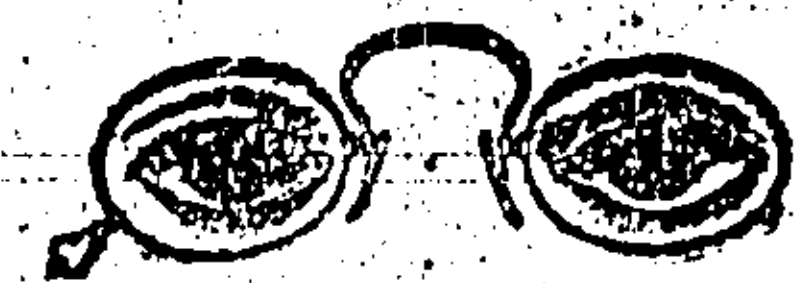
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1903

WHY IS CHINA POOR?

While everyone is patiently waiting for a rise in the far fallen dollar, and regretfully discussing the difficulties of securing fixity in exchange until China 'goes gold,' it will not be inappropriate, especially remembering that on the last day of the old year the usual instalment of eighteen lakhs of taels was paid over to the Foreign Indemnity Commissioners, to consider a few of the complications associated with the Chinese poverty problem. The Empire labours, and has long been labouring, under disabilities of every sort and kind, yet one cannot fail to recognise that the greatest is as simple as it is sad. Why is China poor? The question has frequently been asked, and as many times answered. The explanation given in one of the home papers from the pen of that interesting writer, Mr. William Durban, deals thoroughly with the subject and furnishes much material for reflection. In his opinion a condition of arrested development lies at the root of the appalling poverty of the masses. China is a country whose civilization for ages has been in a state of utter stagnation, and though the nation is not decadent, its conditions are stereotyped, and the country is in a state of permanent childhood. Those who have visited the far-away lands of the interior know that it is one of the most fertile and flowery parts of the earth, while we in Hongkong can testify, from even a very limited experience, that its people must be classed among the most industrious agriculturists in the world. Yet, notwithstanding the magnificent natural endowments one is reminded that, from lack of anything like scientific cultivation, the quality of nearly all fruits is exceedingly poor, and only the splendid sunshine and the atmospheric conditions compensate for the lack of skill. Apples, pears, apricots, peaches, nectarines, plums, cherries, grapes, and persimmons are almost everywhere grown in immense abundance, but no native ever studies improvement in their culture. Wheat, millet, maize, sorghum, sweet-potatoes, peanuts, indigo, and a great variety of pea and bean crops are produced with ease, while rice is, of course, almost universally found in cultivation. But in nearly every province the output, notwithstanding the indefatigable toil of the people, is far short of what might be attained under better management, while the quality of the foodstuffs is deficient in nutritive power. Vast tracts of soil have been impoverished through centuries of uninterrupted production without any adequate compensation. Enriching material is poor in quality and insufficient in quantity. Grazing is unknown, and in most of the provinces the land never lies fallow, the natives never having learned the secret of the rotation of crops. Yet the land is still forced to produce three crops in two years without intermission. Of other, and secondary causes of China's poverty we have many, which, after all, prove but exaggerations and aggravations of the main factor, the agrarian stagnation. There is the likin system of interior taxation—the removal of which can never actually be brought about, certainly not by the methods suggested in the new commercial treaty—which is said to be one of the chief producing causes of distressing poverty. Wherever there is a possibility of squeezing a tax out of the poor there is to be found a man to do it. Thus ten times the number of men that are needed are kept in idleness and in worse than useless work. The people are naturally industrious; but they can get so little of what they produce that universal discouragement oppresses them and, as a consequence, we find discontent gaining the upper hand, and many of China's millions turning a life

of peaceful toil into one of robbery and vandalism. In fact, the celestial Empire is simply hogged with discontent, and physical conditions have, unfortunately, combined with the recent history to stimulate the unrest. Then again, it would be wrong to leave entirely out of view the opium question. The number of victims through excessive indulgence in this drug is ever increasing. Opium is the largest item of import into Nankin, notwithstanding that seven-tenths of the amount consumed is home-grown. That fact is of lurid significance. Another contributing cause to China's poverty is the idol-shrines and temples which subtract an enormous amount of the income of the people in general. Religious rites are very expensive in China, and the people admit that a fifth of their earnings go to the priests. These and many others must be included among the factors tending to keep the Empire impoverished, and which must be conducive to retrogression rather than to a gradual awakening of the latent powers that have been lying unmolested for generations.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The prettiest "Souvenir of the Philippines" ever issued is Le Munyon's Calendar for 1903. *Advt.*

It is reported at Lisbon that King Edward intends to return the King of Portugal's recent visit in the spring.

A DEBATE has been issued by the Empress Dowager stating that there are to be no banquets during the New Year festivities.

YUAN Shih-kai has been given complete control over all the Chinese troops north of the Yangtse and Chang Chih-tung over those south of the river.

THE East Asiatic Company, in conjunction with the Shell-Transport and Trading Company, are about to establish in Copenhagen, free port enormous tanks for supplying liquid fuel to vessels.

IN the City of Vespria, during the past week, three cases of communicable diseases have been notified, viz., two fatal Chinese cases of bubonic plague, and one fatal Japanese case of enteric fever. The districts give a clean return.

PASSENGERS by the night boats from Canton state that for the last two days, snow fell in the Sai Chew Shans and White Clouds, whilst the surrounding districts report the falling of sleet in large quantities. Most of the ponds are frozen.

AN Army Order announces that the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers being permitted to bear the distinction "Peking, 1900" upon the regimental colours in recognition of services rendered in North China.

A RUMOUR gained currency on Sunday at Canton to the effect that, a recent decree has ordered that, after the first day of the Chinese New Year, all the inhabitants are to adopt the European dress, whilst the men are to do away with the queue. Strange, if true!

SOME of the steamers of the China Mutual Steam Navigation Company (Limited), London, have since August last been transferred to the Ocean Steamship Company, of this city, in the service between Java and Holland, and to which belong the steamers *Pak-Ling*, *Ching Wo*, and *Kaitow*.

THE seventeenth anniversary of the Empress Dowager's birthday, which rightly falls in 1904, is to be celebrated in November of this year instead, and it is expected will be on a scale of magnificence which will exceed similar celebrations during the reigns of the Emperors Kang Hsi and Ch'ien Lung.

A TELEGRAM from Tokio to the *Novice* *Yamagi* states that the report persists in Government circles that port Tsuanga will shortly be furnished on the scale of a first-class trading centre on the Japanese sea coast, and that through it all the passenger and goods services between Japan and the Siberian railways will be worked.

SPORTSMEN will learn with surprise that the "once defunct" tiger of Castle Peak has again appeared. We are informed that recently Mr. Stripes made a descent on a small village in the dead of night and carried off a young calf. The villagers were apprised of the fact the next morning, and discovered a small bush, the remains of the calf.

THE Penruddock case, regarding which such widespread indignation has been caused at home by the leniency of the sentence passed by Mr. Justice Bigham, is not altogether unassociated with this Colony. We find that among the witnesses called for the defence were Dr. and Mrs. John Bell, who were both at one time connected with the Hongkong Government Civil Hospital.

ON the 20th November the keel was laid, in the dockyard of the Netherlands Shipbuilding Company, of Amsterdam, of the second steamer of the Java-China-Japan Line, to be constructed by this company. The first steamer, of which the keel was laid on September 15 last, will be named *Tijuan*, and the second *Tijuan*. The delivery of the two vessels will probably occur in June and July of 1903 respectively.

Just because it isn't as good as new don't throw away that old Kodak. It has repaired at Le Munyon's. *Advt.*

You have missed the newest book ever published in the Orient if you have not seen Le Munyon's "Views of Hongkong." *Advt.*

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Company send us a very neat desk calendar for the current year.

For new books, hints, and other articles of clothing have been ordered at Tientsin for Peking officials.

THE German Mr. *Wittes*, recently ashore at the wharf at Cheu and now in the Aberdeen Dock, will have his plates replaced in the bottom.

DR. GUY of Detroit, after a careful investigation of statistics of existing conditions, declares that in 260 years everybody in the United States will be insane.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Neithersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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THE arrival of the Humbert family in Paris caused no excitement. They have been shut up in the Conciergerie. Mlle. Eve Humbert, who has been set at liberty, is to stay with her grandmother Mme. Humbert, the wife of the former Keeper of the Seals.

JOHN Griffiths and William Thorpe, A.B.'s on board the P. and O. steamer *Ballaarat* have been summoned at Shanghai for being concerned together in embezzling 13 balls of opium of the value of £500, part of the cargo of the vessel, on the 27th December. They were sent to prison for six weeks with hard labour.

TWO Americans named Hopkins and Grossmeyer were arrested at Singapore on Christmas Day on the arrival of the *Rengat* from Hongkong, where it is stated they have obtained large sums of money fraudulently. This is in connection with the recent case of mistaken identity which necessitated a certain local gentleman taking a trip to the Southern port for purposes of identification.

Nothing is so disappointing as to find your Kodak out of order when you wish to make some pictures. Take it for repairs to Le Munyon's. *Advt.*

MR. A. Levey, treasurer of Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co., visited us this morning with the information that his company intend to play at Hongkong, commencing a repertoire of twelve pieces on 15th March. Their last visit to the Colony was in 1901 when their performances were a pronounced success, and the clever little performers were the recipients of many ovations from large audiences.

THE Parcel Post service between Germany and Japan from Dec. 1 has become much cheaper, as, since that day, Japan participates in the Union Postal Union of the world. Parcels up to 5 kilos, in weight, henceforth will be carried to Japan on all routes except *via* England twice as cheap as before. Reimbursements up to m.800 (£40) also will be admitted on such parcels the value of which has been declared.

ACCORDING to the *Zehar*, the Commission to inquire into the probable consequences of a gold standard in Indo-China will consist of M. Pall in, Governor of the Bank of France, chairman; MM. Henne and Laurent, directors-general of the Ministry of Finance; MM. Blanch, Vasselle, and L'huand, chief of the Ministry of the Colonies; M. Simon, director of the Banque de l'Indo-China; and M. Frenault, formerly director-general of the Indo-Chinese Customs.

NEWS is to hand that a passenger junk was wending its way to Sar Kok from Canton, and while passing a narrow channel a fleet of seven snake boats shot out from among the reeds, and after continual firing, boarded the junk, and carried away property to the amount of 1,000 taels, the crew bound hand and foot and the passengers driven to the second hatch. After ransacking the junk, the robbers heaved away the two masts, and liberating two youngsters, decamped. No lives were lost.

ANOTHER interesting Chinese wedding took place yesterday, when the daughter of Mr. Chan Kit Shan, one of the directors of the National Bank, was married to one of the returned athletes to the suite of H.E. Wu Tingfang, late Chinese Minister at Washington. Among those present at the dinner last night at the Hung-fai-fo restaurant were the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.B.C., Consul Ho Yow, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Lo Cheong Shiu, and others, including several European and American gentlemen.

We approach 1903 with some anxiety, says the *A.C.D. News*. There is reason to fear that the peace effected between the Allies and the Chinese Government in 1900 is only a temporary truce; but the longer another outbreak is postponed, the more unlikely it becomes. Western knowledge and Western ideas are making their way slowly, if slowly, and if the empire collapses after all, as too many believe it will, the cause will be not foreign aggression, but the deep-seated corruption of its rulers. The hope for China lies in her people, her vast mass of honest, peace-loving, good-tempered, industrious, but uneducated people, and in the effect of the absorption of Western ideas by her scholars, who are widely anxious to have their field of knowledge extended.

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DOW TIES.

CAPTAIN Canning left for Manila with a launch about a fortnight ago. We hear the craft has not yet returned.

THE German Mail *Kantig Albert* arrived from Shanghai this morning with 18 army officers and about 570 troops bound for Hamburg.

THE launches *San* and *Seth* left Hongkong on Saturday for Manila. The *Seth* broke down off Waglan Island and was towed back to Hongkong by the *San* arriving yesterday morning.

THE Board of Health has discovered two cases of bubonic plague within the last day or two in the San Nicolas district of Manila. The patients are Filipinos. They were taken at once to the pest house and all contacts were removed to the detention camp.

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It has been discovered that the President's flag used by the United States navy is incorrect. An order will probably be given to change the design. The design of the coat of arms has six red and seven white stripes; instead of, as is seen in the Great Seal of the United States, seven red and six white stripes.

At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Hazland, Chui Chong and Ki Tong, who were arrested on 27th December, charged with arson in connection with the fire at No. 318 Queen's Road West, pleaded not guilty. P. C. 290 gave evidence to the effect that, early in the morning of the 27th ult., whilst passing Queen's Road West, he observed a suspicious looking Chinaman running out of No. 318. Scouting some mischief, he drew nearer to the building when another Chinaman rushed out of the house. He stopped him, and by questioning him discovered that a fire had broken out in the accountant's room. In company with his prisoner, the policeman went up to the second floor to extinguish the flames but was unable to do so owing to the dense smoke. He immediately ran into the street, still holding on to his prisoner, and gave the alarm. Two other constables appeared in response to his alarm, and immediately tried to force open the door on the ground floor, but to no purpose. Prisoner, however, was taken to No. 7 Police Station and duly reported to Inspector Baker, who discovered that there was a strong smell of kerosene about him. P. C. 114 Hegg gave evidence to the effect that, when the alarm was sounded, he made for the scene of the fire, and went up to the second floor, with the object of extinguishing the flames. He entered the second floor, where he noticed a room was in great disorder. Laying on the ground were two bottles of Chinese spirits, twenty to thirty bottles of other spirits, a few full jars, and a quantity of empty bottles. He also noticed two barrels in the corner of the room, but did not know their contents. Case adjourned till to-morrow.

THE EVANS' PIRACY CASE.

After a lapse of over two months, two men, said to be responsible for the death of Mr. Evans, ex-Consul at the British Consulate Canton, have been captured, and were brought before Mr. Hazland this afternoon charged with piracy. The case was adjourned.

MESSRS. LAUTS, WEGENER AND CO.

AND THE TYING SHOP.

This case, which was adjourned on the 31st ult., was resumed at the Supreme Court to-day before the Puisne Judge His Honour A. G. Wise. Mr. J. Hastings, of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings, again appeared for the Tying Shop (plaintiffs), and Mr. G. C. C. Master, of Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master, for Messrs. Lauts, Wegener and Co. (defendants). The plaintiffs claim \$1,000 as damages for the non-delivery of 100 cases of beer, being part of 200 cases alleged to have been purchased from the defendants on 23rd June last. The defendants deny having entered into the contract.

It appears that their comrade, who has since absconded, entered into the contract, but the question arises, is the firm responsible? The price in the agreement was \$9.25, but the defendants stated that the lowest price this beer was sold to dealers in June was \$12.25.

Mr. Master applied for a further adjournment as Mr. Lauts was in Swatow, and would not return till Saturday, and he also desired to call other witnesses.

His Lordship favoured the adjournment, and said it was clear the Tying shop had got a 100 cases on some delivery order, but it was very likely the defendants only made one contract.

Mr. Hastings objected to the adjournment saying he did not see how Mr. Lauts would in any way elucidate the matter. They knew the custom of the comrade through whom for years they had been buying goods and paying for them, and if the man disobeyed orders and sold at the wrong price it did not alter the case.

His Lordship said he thought it was a very important case, and as Mr. Hastings was going away for a fortnight he would adjourn it sine die. It would probably be put on the first Friday's list after Mr. Hastings' return.

Mr. Hastings asked what about the costs of adjournment?

His Lordship said the question of costs had better stand over.

Will the defendants be allowed to call rebutting evidence?—Yes.

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ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

PREPARING FOR TO-NIGHT.

The event of the opening year, as far as amusements are concerned, will take place to-night at the City Hall, when St. George and Merry England will be loved. Preparations for the hall, which has been arranged by the English section of the community, have been proceeding for several weeks past, and are now practically completed. The entrance to the building is covered by a neat matshed, lavishly hung with white globular Chinese lanterns, each having the banner of St. George painted on it. The scene in the vestibule convinces one that the committee in charge of the floral decorations have not been idle. The steps are neatly covered, and the railings have palms and various other pot plants artistically displayed. On the first landing one is confronted by a well-executed oil painting of St. George on a fiery steed, slaying the dragon. Directly underneath is seen St. George's shield, surrounded by pot plants, and the motto, "*Mont seigneur et paysant*," displayed. Opposite the painting, the British coat of arms, supported by flags, makes a brave show. The two sides of the walls are draped with flags and numerous shields. The ladies' room and lounge is magnificently decorated. In St. Andrew's Hall, the huge oil painting of her late Majesty the Queen attracts the attention of the observer, for besides being surrounded by palms, and profusely decorated by pot plants and evergreens the British coat of arms is brought out in striking relief, with the Royal Standard, the national flags of England, Scotland, and Ireland, draped on either side. The walls are also well decorated, with St. George's shields and flags. In St. George's Hall another sight presents itself to the spectator for, in the furthest corner, a bamboo bower, in the shape of a summer house, is erected for the use of the band. It is surrounded by evergreens, palms and various other pot plants, besides myriads of variegated electric lamps, lavishly displayed with roses entwining the bamboo supports. Motives and shields, all bearing some connection with England's patron saint, adorn the walls. On the verandah, numerous cosy corners for those who do not dance, are in evidence, the chief being small enclosures made by flags, and having seating accommodation for four persons. Turning to the theatre, one finds that it has received the same attention from the Committee as the other rooms. Tables to seat seven hundred persons are provided. The columns and pillars, both upstairs and downstairs, are entwined with garlands, and decorated with the St. George's coat of arms and flags. On the stage, tables are laid in the form of a crescent. Huge leafy palms, innumerable pot plants, garlands and evergreens, backed by the stage side scenes, give the place an enchanting appearance. In these, mingled with masses of electric jets, of variegated hue the peeping out of the foliage gives one idea that he is transported to fairy land. The library is to be utilized as a card and bar room, whilst a side bar is being erected in a room adjoining the ladies' lounge. Everywhere one is reminded of St. George, for even the gas shades have the emblem of the saint marked on them. The committee in charge of the decorations are to be congratulated, and mention must be made of the little army of handy men, who were responsible for the putting up of the decorations and its general supervision. It is an exhibition of decorative taste worthy the best traditions of the worthy St. George.

STATUES FOR HONGKONG.

SCULPTOR AT WORK.

We all know that Mr. J. J. Bell-Irving is presenting a statue of the Prince of Wales in Hongkong, but how many of us are aware that it will be the first statue raised to the altar of the Throne? Mr. George E. Wade, who already has in hand the statue of His Majesty for the Colony, has been commissioned to carry out the work. It will be interesting to know that Mr. George E. Wade, who has given the world the first statue of King Edward wearing his crown, which was unveiled on December 12th at Reading is one of the rising sculptors of our day. A self-taught artist, with the years before him, Mr. Wade has "well and truly laid" the foundations of what promises to be a proud career. His portrait busts are well known, and include some of the most noble men of our time. All over the Empire Mr. Wade's work has gone, Ceylon has a colossal statue of Queen Victoria, which came from his studio at Fulham. Madrid has a striking figure of a native judge erected in the High Court of that city, and from Canada Mr. Wade received a commission for the principal statue of the memorial to Sir John Macdonald, while Hongkong will soon be represented by further specimens of his art. The statue of Sir John Macdonald at St. Paul's is also Mr. Wade's, and he has done a statue of the Duke of Cornwall, and portraits of Mr. Gladstone, Lord St. Leonards, and M. P. Brewster as well as many memorial groups.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*Doriel*) 8th inst.
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Australan (*Tsuan*) 16th inst.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 16th inst.
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	"CHINGWO"	3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	20th January.
	"TELEMACHUS"	3rd February.
	"PROMETHEUS"	17th February.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	24th January.
	"DARDANUS"	20th February.

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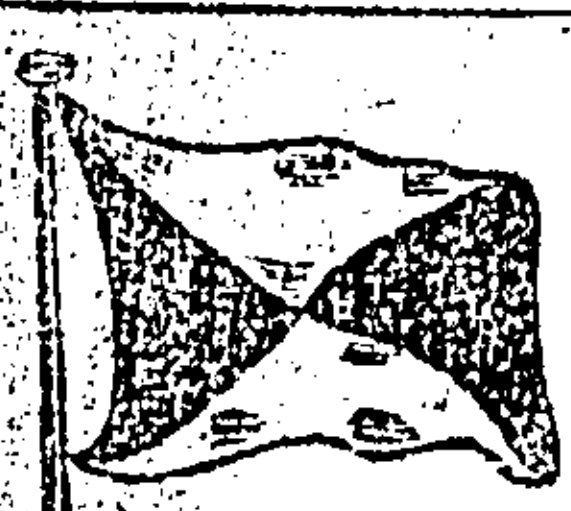
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Arrivals.

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5th Jan.—Singapore 28th Dec., Petroleum.

—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PAOTING, British steamer, 1,047, R. D. Carvell,
5th Jan.—Canton 5th Jan., General.

Butterfield & Swire.

HONGKONG, French steamer, 747, J. Pannier,
6th Jan.—Haiphong and Hoihow 4th Jan.,
Rice.—A. R. Marty.TELEMACHUS, British steamer, 5,000, J. H.
Goodwin, 6th Jan.—Liverpool via Singa-
pore 31st Dec., General.—Butterfield &
Swire.APENRADE, German steamer, 650, A. T.
Uiderup, 6th Jan.—Hoblow 4th Jan.,
General.—Jensen & Co.AMARA, British steamer, 1,565, C. J. Matlock,
6th Jan.—Canton 5th Jan., General.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KONIG ALBERT, German steamer, 10,600, Ch.
Polack, 6th Jan.—Shanghai 3rd Jan.,
Mails and General.—Melchers & Co.BOMBAU, British steamer, 2,197, H. S. Brad-
shaw, 6th Jan.—Yokohama 22nd Dec.,
General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.AIRLIE, British steamer, 2,500, St. John George,
6th Jan.—Sydney 9th Dec., and Manila
3rd Jan., General.—Gibb, Livingston &
Co.GLENLOCHY, British steamer, 2,397, E. J.
Stallard, 6th Jan.—Shanghai 2nd Jan.,
Ballast.—McGregor Bros. & Co.YIKSANG, British steamer, 1,136, G. H. Bowker,
6th Jan.—Shanghai and Swatow 5th Jan.,
General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.ISCHIA, Italian steamer, 2,282, Alberto Mugo,
6th Jan.—Bomba 28th Dec., and Singa-
pore 30th Dec., General.—Callaway & Co.HOKOKO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,723,
Yamamoto, 6th Jan.—Canton 5th Jan.,
General.—Y. S. S. Co.

Departures.

Jan. 5, Goliah, Brit. str., for Singapore.

Jan. 5, Sigan, British str., for Canton.

Jan. 5, Thales

THE SHARE MARKET

(JANUARY 6th.)

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$	50	5210 sellers
S. C. Parnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Taels	100	Taels 180 sales
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	\$	50	\$2½ buyers
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	\$	6½	140 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf & Godown Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 312½ sales
LANDING, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited	\$	10	\$10 sellers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	\$	100	\$180 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.	\$	30	\$3½ buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	\$	50	\$7 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	\$	30	\$40 buyers
Oriente Hotel Company, Limited (Manila)	\$	50	\$3½ sellers
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)	\$	25	\$2½ sales
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Taels	25	Taels 164 buyers
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei)	Taels	25	Taels 25
Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Limited	\$	10	\$1½ sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	Taels	50	Taels 125 sellers

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MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	£	10	\$21 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	£	15	\$25 sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	£	10	\$147 sellers
Watkins, Limited	£	10	\$72 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	£	10	\$13.10 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	£	5	\$6.65 buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	£	10	\$143 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited	£	50	\$120 buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	£	25	\$50 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	£	25	\$240 sellers
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	£	100	\$327
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	£	6	\$11 sellers
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited	£	50	\$10 sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	£	10	\$35
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	£	125. 6d.	\$1 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Ag'cy, Limited	£	4	185 s. llers
Do. Founders	£	10	\$155
Tebrau Planting Company, Limited	£	5	roninal
Universal Trading Co., Limited	£	20	\$22 buyers
Hongkong Steam Water-Burn'g Co., Limited	£	10	\$11.65 buyers
China Light and Power Co., Limited	£	20	\$10 buyers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	£	50	\$50
Manila Investment Co., Limited	£	50	\$15 buyers
William Powell, Limited	£	10	\$91 buyers
Nantschap tot Mijn. Bosch en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	Guild rs	100	Tael 160 buy

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Prometheus	Singapore	Butcherfield & Swire	January 8th
Doric	Shanghai	Harford Maitland & Co.	January 8th
C. Gerald	Singapore	Swenson & Co.	January 8th
Yamaguchi Maru	Singapore	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	January 9th
Feld	Singapore	Sander, Wieler & Co.	January 10th
Darmstadt	Singapore	Sander, Wieler & Co.	January 10th
Indravelli	Yokohama	P. & A. & Co.	January 10th
Lycurus	Singapore	Butcherfield & Swire	January 11th
Nippon Maru	San Francisco	Harford Maitland & Co.	January 16th
Tatsumi	Port Darwin	Butcherfield & Swire	January 16th
Empress of India	Yamoutver	C. Y. B. Co.	January 18th
Berkling	Glasgow, &	Butcherfield & Swire	January 22nd
Unioned	Singapore	Butcherfield & Swire	January 28th
Chingwo	Glasgow, &	Butcherfield & Swire	February 2nd

DOCK RETURNS

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Myson, A. McDermott, A. P. H.
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VISITORS AT CRAIGIEBURN.
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Beard, Mrs. Mrs. I. S.

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HOTEL.

Buck, Stanley Crockett, Miss
Buck, Mrs. Stanley Gschwind, Mr. & Mrs.

" Soup, Tong Yuk	"	12
" Steak—Narrow York Ro.	"	16

11	Head—Chi Tau	14
12	Heart—Chi Sum	9
13	Kidneys—Chi Yiu	6
14	Liver—Chi Kon	21

Pork, Chop—Chi Bai Kwat 18
 " Coined—Ham Cha Yok 13

Beef—Sang Ngau Yau	18
" Mutton—Sang Yeung Yau	20
" Pork—Ngau Chai Yuk	16
" Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong ..	15

POULTRY.

Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy.....	2
Cabbage Root—Kai Lan Tau.....	2

Chinese Radish—Shanghai—Lik Kan	16
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	—
Celtuce—Yeung Sang Choi	1
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	4

Mandarin—Kwei Lum Ma Tai „ 5
Mushrooms Fresh—Sang Cho Kho „

" Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Shu
Tsa
" Japan—Yat Poon Shu Tsa
" American—Fa Ki

39	Poochow—Fuk Chau Shu Tsai	3
40	Macao—Oh Moon	3

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Irking	Glasgow &
Isomed	Singapore
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